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**Glasgow Rivers and Streams: Their Legend and Lore.** By T. C. Brochie. xxv and 150 pp. Ills. J. MacLehose & Sons, Glasgow, 1914. 2s. 6d. 8 x 5½.

The story of the rambles of a Scot, amid the rivers and streams of Glasgow, up to the sources of the Clyde. The sixty sketches from the writer's pencil are a welcome relief from the usual half-tone reproductions of photographs, excellent though they be, which illustrate present-day accounts of travel. The introductory essay upon water-lore, as exemplifying the testimony of folk-lore to the prevalence of superstition, from the origin of the human race until now, is as welcome as it is unusual in books of this kind. The writer acknowledges in foot notes the authorities for his statements of fact.

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#### GENERAL

**The Earth: Its Genesis and Evolution. Considered in the light of the most recent scientific Research.** By A. T. Swaine. 227 pp. Ills., index. C. Griffin & Co., London, 1913. 7s. 6d. 9 x 5½.

This volume is an attempt to present the conclusions of various scientists concerning the origin of the earth and, at the same time, to present a few notions of the author. The first two chapters deal with the various hypotheses of the origin of the earth and present the problem. The next six chapters are given to the processes involved in rock formation. The following twenty chapters treat the successive geologic periods. A number of good photographs and diagrammatic cross-sections accompany the text.

The author has not succeeded very well in accomplishing something worth while. The compilation is not one of rare materials or even information that is ordinarily difficult of access. The book contains essentially nothing sufficiently different from the usual to warrant its addition to the present literature on the subject.

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**Trees in Winter. Their Study, Planting, Care and Identification.**

By A. F. Blakeslee and C. D. Jarvis. 446 pp. Ills., index. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1913. \$2. 8½ x 6.

Most recent books and manuals dealing with forests and forest trees describe our eastern trees in their summer garb and, only incidentally, in their winter condition. The increase in the number of persons interested in trees, recruited from our high schools, agricultural colleges, etc., requires attention to the winter conditions of trees when schools and colleges are in session. Dr. Blakeslee, professor of botany and director of the summer school of the Connecticut Agricultural College, and Dr. Jarvis, horticulturist at the Storrs Experiment Station, supplied this information in *Bulletin* 69 (June, 1911), issued by the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station. It met such an instant demand that copies of it are extremely hard to procure; but fortunately the Macmillan Company republished it in this book, with additional chapters. The copies include an introduction on the study of trees, and chapters on their structure, life, growth and propagation, tree-planting in rural districts, towns and cities, the selection of trees for special purposes, the care of trees, common injuries to shade trees, the control of parasites, insecticides, fungicides and spraying. The second part of the book, on the identification of trees in winter by means of descriptions and analytic keys, is practically a reprint of the original *Bulletin*.

The illustrations add greatly to the value of the text. The photographs of twigs and fruit of the deciduous trees are nearly natural size. Line drawings are used also with judgment and the photographs have been carefully selected. The book can be recommended to those who wish to study trees, when they are in a resting condition and those who desire to plant trees before the leaves have appeared or to identify them by their bark, buds, leaf scars and branch tracery during the leafless period. It will also serve as a useful reference text until some botanist undertakes to publish careful descriptions of all our forest trees at all seasons of the year.

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